

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-21. (Canceled).

22. (New) In combination a stairlift chair and a footrest, the chair comprising a central axis, the footrest having a geometric centreline, an outer edge, an inner edge substantially opposed to the outer edge, and side edges joining respective outer margins of the inner edge and the outer edge, in which the inner edge of the footrest is shorter than the outer edge, wherein the footrest is pivotally mounted with respect to the stairlift chair about a substantially vertical pivot axis, the position of the pivot axis lying on both a plane through the central axis of the chair and the geometric centreline of the footrest, and wherein the footrest is arranged to be fixed in more than one pivotal orientation about the vertical pivot axis.

23. (New) The combination of claim 22, in which the pivot axis lies closer to the inner edge of the footrest than to the outer edge.

24. (New) The chair and footrest combination of claim 23 in combination with a stairlift.

25. (New) The combination of claim 22 wherein a fixing structure is provided to fix the position of the footrest relative to the chair about the pivot axis.

26. (New) The combination of claim 25 wherein the fixing structure comprises lock bolts so that the position of the footrest about the pivot, once selected, can be secured.

27. (New) In combination a stairlift chair and a footrest, the chair comprising a central axis, the footrest having a geometric centreline, an outer edge, an inner edge substantially opposed to the outer edge, and side edges joining respective outer margins of the inner edge and the outer edge, in which the inner edge of the footrest is shorter than the outer edge, wherein the footrest is pivotally mounted with respect to the stairlift chair about a substantially vertical pivot axis, the position of the pivot axis lying on both a plane through the central axis of the chair and the geometric centreline of the footrest, wherein the footrest is pivotally mounted to be movable in a plurality of positions with respect to the chairlift chair about a substantially vertical pivot axis, wherein the footrest is structured and arranged to be fixed in a selected one of the plurality of positions that is most suitable to allow clearance between the footrest and stairs depending on an orientation of stairlift installation.

28. (New) The combination of claim 27, in which the pivot axis lies closer to the inner edge of the footrest than to the outer edge.

29. (New) The chair and footrest combination of claim 27 in combination with a stairlift.

30. (New) The combination of claim 27 wherein a fixing structure is provided to fix the position of the footrest relative to the chair about the pivot axis.

31. (New) The combination of claim 30 wherein the fixing structure compress lock bolts so that the position of the footrest about the pivot, once selected, can be secured.